

Three news items from Arlington Fairfax 2188

Arlington-Fairfax Lodge 2188--Announcement--Membership voted in February 2011 to make the Lodge a 100% smoke-free environment. You are all invited to come to our Lodge and enjoy a drink or dinner or just good conversation in a pleasant smoke-free, family environment.

Arlington-Fairfax Lodge 2188--As our new Exalted Ruler Linda P Buskirk has poignantly remarked, "there are two words that should never be spoken together--homeless and veteran." Unfortunately, Fairfax and Arlington Counties are seeing a surge in just this disturbing situation. Our Lodge is working with Chapter 227 of the Vietnam Veterans of America who is working with two local organizations, the Lamb Center in Fairfax, which is a daycare center for homeless veterans that provides them with simple needs (such as bus tokens) and Compassion House in Culpepper which provides shelter for 6-8 homeless vets. Our Lodge is concentrating on the needs at the Lamb Center. To this end, we are having a benefit on May 22 from 3-7 PM. If you are in the area, we invite you to join us for an evening of food and music as well as a silent auction. All proceeds will be divided between the two facilities. A \$15 donation is requested. If you are a business or individual with something that can be donated for the silent auction, please let us know. For more information, please contact Sandy Mueller at smmueller@cox.net or Mark Richards at mrich@aol.com

Arlington-Fairfax Lodge 2188--Hankering for seafood on a Saturday evening but don't want to pay outrageous prices? Join our new club manager Tom Lotfabadi for his seafood extravaganza every Saturday evening from 5-8 PM in our Lounge and Bar area. Snow crab, 1/2 pound for \$5.95; shrimp, 1/2 pound for \$5.00; mussels or clams, a dozen for \$5.50. If you live in NOVA or are heading north for a trip to DC, stop by for a warm welcome and terrific seafood.

Submitted by Fredi Hensley